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Club Plans going to Members

The proposals for the renovation of our club are now complete and will be put before members before Christmas.

The general outline of the proposals are being incorporated into a brochure which is to be mailed to members in the very near future and this will be followed by a Special General Meeting at which members will have the opportunity to vote on them.

It is also intended to mount a display of the proposals — possibly with a three dimensional model — at the club before the General Meeting takes place, so that all members will have a first class opportunity to see and appreciate what is intended — and what they will get for their money if they vote "Yes".

As has been reported in earlier newsletters, the renovation of the club has been made essential by a City Council Order that the club improve its fire safety precautions by installing a new fire stairway from top to bottom of the building.

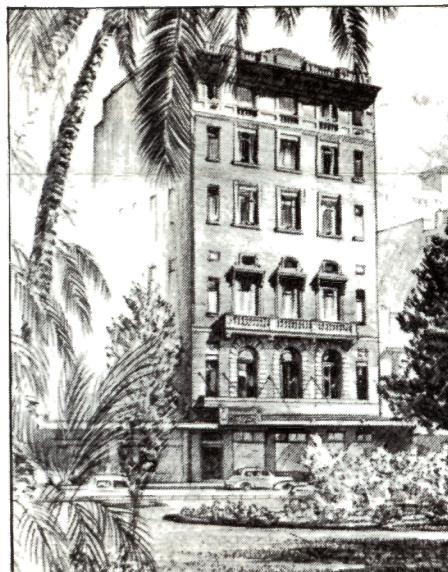
The cost of doing this would have been so high in itself — and would have produced absolutely no benefits for members in terms of new amenities — that the Club Committee set up a special Building Committee to consider alternatives which besides spending money, would also produce an improved club for members.

The Building Committee is putting great emphasis on obtaining the views of ALL members, if this is possible as the changes proposed, will decide the future of the club building for perhaps the next 30 years or longer. A Response Form is being sent out to members with the brochure — so the message is: READ THE BROCHURE AND RETURN THE FORM.

There are six major changes proposed for the club and the plans for the work have been drawn up by club member Mr John Davis, a Sydney architect who has to his credit the designs for the new Regent Hotel — widely regarded as Australia's finest hotel — and the Australian Golf Club.

The changes are:

1. The complete redesign and renovation of the lower ground floor to provide billiards and snooker facilities which will make the club the headquarters for the games in Australia.



The Club as it appears on the year's Christmas card.

Adjacent to the billiards tables there will be a service bar and the floor will also contain two card rooms.

2. The club office areas will be mainly moved to the fourth floor, freeing more lettable ground floor space for tenants. The reception area will be remodelled and will include a waiting area and hotel booking service. Accounting services will remain on the ground floor to enable members to complete transactions conveniently.

3. The First Floor Club Room will be faithfully restored to its original grandeur but an additional function room suitable for cocktail parties and wedding receptions will be provided. The club bar will be moved to the mezzanine level.

4. The second floor will be subject to a radical and complete renovation and change of use. Two special dining rooms and state-of-the-art kitchens will be built on the second floor, with the main dining room overlooking Hyde Park and a Buffet Room at the Castlereagh Street end. The Buffet Room will also be used for breakfast and for functions. A cocktail lounge will link the two dining rooms.

5. The third floor will be renovated to bring the Athletics Department right up to date.

6. Floors 4, 5 and 6 will be completely transformed into a 55 room,

four star mixed accommodation complex with room service provided 18 hours a day.

For the first time, visiting members and guests will be able to stay at the club with their wives, seven days a week. The office facilities which are being moved to the fourth floor will include a Communications Centre with telex, copying, facsimile and secretarial services available.

The cost of this great project is estimated at \$8 million, and as much as possible of the money will be raised

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Golf fixtures. Championships, Royal Sydney, December 5.

Young Members Luncheon. 12.30pm, Clubroom, Monday, November 10. Guest Speaker, The Premier of N.S.W., The Hon. B. J. Unsworth, M.P.

Billiards and Snooker Presentation Dinner. Thursday, November 13, 7.00 pm for 7.30pm, all members and guests welcome. Cost: \$30.00 per ticket. Bookings: Joanne.

Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon for Primary Club of Australia (a charitable organisation). 12.00pm, November 4. All club members invited; \$75 per ticket. Bookings through Anne Colley.

Chairman's Christmas Cocktail Party. December 17, 6.00pm, the Club Room. Tickets through the office.

Traditional Christmas Festivities. From Midday, December 17, 18 and 19.

Club Christmas Dinner. Friday, December 20, Club Room, with traditional fare including turkey, cranberry sauce and Christmas pudding promised by Andrew Grecian. Further details in the magazine next month.

Bowling Club Matches. Nov. 6, Matches and Social, Double Bay; Nov. 13, Matches and Social, City; Nov. 20, Matches and Social, Double Bay; Nov. 27, Matches and Social, Double Bay; Dec. 4, Matches and Social, Double Bay; Dec. 11, Matches and Social, City; Dec. 18, Final Bowls for 1986, Christmas Gala Day at Double Bay. National Tattersall's Tournament, April 5-9, 1987.

Ron Rogers Wins the Snooker

Our Annual Snooker Tournament concluded on October 14, and the result being: Winner Ron Rogers (59); 2nd Place Bill Kelso (80); 3rd Place Tony Sernack (61); 4th Place Mark Peoples (57).

Congratulations to these players who fought hard for their successes. The Tournament has been a resounding success, and credit must go to the Sub-committee who have worked as a team.

As previously mentioned, a continuity of Tournaments, namely the Jack Chown Annual Christmas Snooker Tournament, and our monthly pairs, should create great Club interest right throughout 1986 and 1987.

The date for our presentation night is 13th November (7pm for 7.30pm). A three course dinner, together with table wines, will be provided at an inclusive cost.

As usual there will be an attractive array of luxury items especially for the ladies to be raffled during the evening.

A pianist will entertain us throughout the evening and the ladies will receive a floral present on arrival to which will be attached a lucky door number.

It has been pleasing to see the increased patronage of the second floor, no doubt due to the untiring efforts of Paddy Morgan in organising the matches for all events.

The 1986 Billiards and Snooker Championships are reaching finality. Champion Amateur John Hudson is a pronounced favourite for the Snooker. However the old Master (16 times Champion) George Mousally is favourite to take out the Billiards.

Look forward to seeing you all on the second floor.

— Doug Jordan.

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through sale of debentures to members. It is proposed to offer five financial investment packages to members, with the inducement, that the larger the investment made the greater the reduction that will be offered in that member's annual subscription.

In its brochure, the Building Committee quotes Shakespeare: "There is a tide in the affairs of men that taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

The committee believes the fire safety demands should be regarded as an opportunity, rather than as a burden — an opportunity to "provide present and future members with club facilities which will rank with the finest in the world".

But, the committee emphasises, members' support is essential in a tangible manner. In short, if the plans are to go ahead, both members enthusiasm and their financial backing will be crucial.

Hay calls for Tax Reform

So-called "New Right" spokesman Andrew Hay told a Tattersall's Club Younger Members lunch in September that two issues would determine the outcome of the next federal election. These were taxation and the system of industrial relations.

"We need a radical reform of the taxation system," he said. "Thirty years ago you needed to earn \$40,000 a year to pay the top marginal rate of tax of 60 per cent. Today you need to earn only \$35,000 a year."

Andrew Hay, who was introduced to the Club by Ian Gowrie-Smith, said, "There has been a massive conspiracy by federal governments of both political persuasions who have promised tax reform but delivered nothing."

"It has rekindled demonology and flushed out the sewers of left wing political organisations, bringing accusations that we represent a modern form of fascism, totalitarianism and governmental control."

"I would like to make it very clear that what the New Right believes in is quite the contrary."

"We believe in libertarian economic principles, for example, that market forces must be given greater play in industry structures. We need a market driven economy."

Mr Hay said that during the last 15 years the emergence of corporatism where major national problems were worked out by major vested interests like trade union groups, big business and



Andrew Hay (second from left) with friends at the Younger Members Group Luncheon at which he was guest speaker. From the left are John Cope, a member of the YM Group, Grant Figtree, Alan Grant and Stephen Bussell, a member of the YM Committee.

Mr Hay recommended a 27 per cent top tax rate and 15 per cent lower rate as in the U.S. Without a radical change to the system, he said, the productive capacity of the work force and business would be reduced.

On industrial relations, Mr Hay said that while the advocacy of a deregulated labour market had been a permanent part of public debates and was a "sine qua non" of our economic future, it had not been accompanied by creative policies attractive to the Australian work force.

Mr Hay recommended legislative changes to allow workers' income packages to be made up of wages, dividend payments and bonus payments based on their company's performance.

Capitalism would be spread by engendering a common purpose, removing the "them and us" difference between workers and management and by improved productivity.

"What worker would go on strike against his company with 30 per cent of his income made up of share placement?" Mr Hay asked.

"Ensuring workers had a vested interest in their companies' prosperity would go a long way towards getting us out of our economic morass."

Mr Hay said the grouping of individuals into the New Right had created an enormous amount of hysteria among the Labor Party.

bureaucracies, had disfranchised the public and excluded the legitimate concerns of the small business sector.

The New Right stood for "economic democracy".

He said two dinosaurs that needed to be tackled were the two airline policy and the rash of laws that restricted shop trading hours.

Instead of the travelling public determining airline scheduling, ticket prices, etcetera, this was done by the ever-growing bureaucracy of Government and Ansett.

He said over 70 per cent of the community wanted a freeing up of shop trading. They should be allowed to determine when shops traded and when they didn't.

"The major vested interest (preventing this) is organised labour, characteristically backward looking."

"The New Right is one group that wants to see changes. We are the radicals. The trade unions and their stooges are the reactionaries in our system."

At the November Younger Members' lunch, the speaker will be N.S.W. Premier Barrie Unsworth, who can be expected to put a Labor viewpoint of how the economic and industrial challenges facing Australia can be met.

See "Dates for Your Diary" for details.

BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN

Described by regulars as the "best breakfast in Sydney", the Tattersall's Club provides the first meal of the day in the Dining Room five days a week.

Sportsmen and businessmen alike are taking advantage of the early morning repast prior to launching themselves into their daily routine.

Members can be seen arriving at the club as early as 6.30am to enjoy a swim and sauna in the Athletic Department or a run around the park.

Having worked up an appetite, they congregate in the Dining Room where Ellen prepares the fortifying fare, unequalled in Sydney. Members proceeding overseas have been entertained with champagne (available on request), and a mountain of bacon and eggs, all at very reasonable rates.

Attendances have grown over the past few months as members realise that the club's facilities are open in the early morning not only to residential guests but also to all club members. Pre-work conferences are also held over omelettes, toast and coffee.

Breakfast is available from 7.00 until 9.00 am in the fourth floor dining room five days a week.

We're Terrific!

It may seem a slightly curious tribute for Leo Schofield to pay — after all, restaurants are more his line — but he has just described Tattersall's Club as "Terrific! Old fashioned, masculine, nonsense, no frills with the most fabulous facilities."

That description appears over his name in "Courvoisier's Book of the Best" edited by Lord Lichfield, relative of the Royal Family and famous photographer of women.

Lord L. covers the main regions of the world, including Australasia, and deals with all the "bests" in each country under such categories as Night Life, Fashion, Food, Health and Beauty, Sport, Travel, Homes and Property.

Leo Schofield talks about our swimming pool — "the most beautiful indoor pool in Sydney" — and comments "It (Tattersalls) is not starchy like the business clubs because it has a racing bias. It is the most interesting club in Sydney."

Courvoisier's Book of the Best has contributions of "bests" from 200 "international style setters", ranging from Michael Parkinson and David Frost to Brooke Shields and Joan Collins. It sells for \$14.95.

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Handball Champ at the Races



Ray Hopkins, extreme right, seen with some friends in high good spirits at the races — they must have been having a good day. Ray will be looking for some more good days on the club handball courts soon when he starts the defence of his A Grade Championship Title.

A bottle of Dewars for fast swimmers

The new swimming season began on September 30, when 34 swimmers started in a 40 yards handicap. The first three weeks have produced the following winners of finals: John Stubbs, John Furlong, Brian Harvey, Mike McCormack, David Dind and Bob Hill, Tony Anderson and Phil Macken.

With one event to go the first monthly point score is being closely contested with Mike McCormack looking the likely winner.

Some excellent times have been recorded: Mike Gillis 17.9, Dennis Wilson 18.1, Jim Tuite 18.5, John Stubbs 19.4, Mike McCormack 20.0, Tony King 20.3, Mike Rowland-Smith 21.1 and John Furlong 21.3. Good times were also recorded by Gordon Salier, Rick Glover, John Keating and Mal Holecek.

Many swimmers have lost a second or so off their handicaps but even more have had their handicaps increased. Handicapping is a problem when some swimmers improve by a couple of seconds each week while others fail to greet the judge after being let out week after week. Don't despair. The handicapper is doing the best he can for everyone.

The 80 yards handicap on Thursdays is attracting fields of 16 starters. Many members mistakenly think this is too hard a distance for them. It really is a comfortable race distance so let's have a few more starters.

It was nice to see Adrian Abbott back in the pool. He was prompted to return by his respect and admiration for our late dear old Sam Block and to celebrate his return Adrian won two heats of the 80 yard races.

The Annual Presentation Night was held on October 17 in the Club Room. The attendance was less than expected, but those present had a pleasant evening and saw the following winners from last season receive their trophies:

Open Championship, 40 yds, Mike Gillis.
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'A' Grade Championship, 40 yds, Dave Chrystal.

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'B' Grade Championship, 40 yds, David Robinson.

"Ted Joye" Special Handicap Event, Norman Rogers.

Silver Sharpe Point Score, Ted Joye.
80 Yards Point Score, Rick Glover.
Most 40 Yards Wins, Mal Holecek.
Most 80 Yards Wins, Geoff Cowen.

Monthly trophies won last season were also presented.

This season, due to a most generous sponsorship offered by Mr John Halmarick from John Deware & Sons, winners of each monthly trophy will receive in addition, a bottle of Dewars which will be presented on the final day each month. Thanks a lot, Dewars.

Joe aces, promises scotch

Newly elected Committee member Anthony Berkman made a clean sweep of the 4-Ball trophies at both Manly and the Australian at our last two outings.

At Manly, Anthony teamed with Ken Herringe to win the trophy with 47 points, from Paul Eastaway and Kevin West with 46 and Ken Murden and Joe Smithers not far away on 45.

Joe got some compensation at the Australian by getting his first ever "ace", at the 4th hole. This is also a first for Tattersalls Golf Club, and we congratulate you Joe, but we are still waiting for all the scotch you said would be forthcoming.

Tony and Clive Hewitt were a scratch pairing at the Australian coming in with 46 points to narrowly defeat Bob Griffiths and Allan Dennett on 45.

In the singles Tony Mayo (off 11) just got up with 41 points at Manly to beat Richard Lee (off 4) with 40 — both fine rounds.

At the Aussie, Ven Hrouda took a day off court to coast to an easy victory with 37 points from Harry Brunskill, Tony Mayo, Ben Zappia and John Cameron, all on 34.

It was good to see our Secretary, Andrew Grecian, at the Australian and we welcome him to our ranks.

Don't forget — Club Championships are at Royal Sydney, December 5th.

Our Clubs Overseas

One of the great benefits of being a member of Tattersall's Club is the large number of other clubs to which it provides entry.

Recently the newsletter carried some information about one of these clubs, the Terminal City Club in Vancouver and from time to time, it is proposed to provide articles concerning the other clubs which Tattersall's members may go during overseas visits.

There are 16 overseas clubs which are affiliated with Tattersall's and they are listed below. In addition, Tattersall's members have the right to use a number of clubs in Australia, which are also listed.

At the present time, the Club is negotiating to extend its list of affiliated in Britain and Europe where club members will have reciprocal rights.

Three additional clubs in London are being considered for the list and one in Aberdeen, Scotland. However, in

addition to these, negotiations are also being conducted with a club in Paris for members visiting Europe.

One word of advice offered to members using clubs in the United States concerns staff gratuities. You may, of course, pay your bill before leaving a U.S. club. On the other hand, it may be sent to you in Australia. Either way, it will include staff gratuities of 15%. It can be irritating if you have already tipped at the club to find a further 15% on your bill when you get home. So, if you're having the bill sent on, don't tip on the spot.

One final word; although members can go to any of our reciprocal clubs in Australia merely by showing their membership card at the time, a card of introduction from Tattersall's is necessary for members wishing to use overseas clubs.

Los Angeles Athletic Club

This club is more than 100 years old, but claims the most modern facilities and greatest depth of service of any club in Los Angeles.

It has a 25 yard swimming pool, a 10 laps-to-the-mile indoor running track, racquet ball and basket ball courts, men's and women's spas, a sports laboratory, four dining rooms and two bars.

The club offers accommodation in 72 hotel-style rooms for men and women and provides room service. A video rental shop operates at the club, also a bottle shop.

And each morning the wake-up cup of coffee is free, plus a copy of the Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times.

With thoroughly modern decor — except in places such as bars decorated in Old English Pub style — the Los Angeles Athletic Club should be a port of call for all Tattersall's members visiting that part of the West Coast.

Certainly it is the sort of club building we are hoping to make Tattersall's with the proposed renovations.

If you use an overseas club be sure to tell our General Manager, Andrew Grecian, about it when you return. The feed-back is very useful to other members making a trip.

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NEW YORK, USA. 10019
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Accommodation: Men & Women
The Manager,
Los Angeles Athletic Club,
431 West 7th Street,
LOS ANGELES, CAL. 90014
Tel: (213) 625 2211
Accommodation: Men & Women
The Manager,
Outrigger Canoe Club,
2909 Kalakaua Avenue,
HONOLULU, Hawaii 96815
Tel: 923 1585
Accommodation: None
The Manager,
Honolulu Club,
932 Ward Avenue,
HONOLULU, HI. 96814
Tel: (808) 543 3900
Accommodation: None

The Secretary,
Olympic Club,
524 Post Street,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. 94102
Tel: (415) 775 4400
Accommodation: Men Only
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National Liberal Club,
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LONDON. SW1A 2HE
Tel: 01 930 9871
Accommodation: Men & Women
The Secretary,
Lansdowne Club,
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Berkeley Square,
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Accommodation: Men & Women
The Manager,
Detroit Athletic Club,
241 Madison,
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Tel: 963 9200
Accommodation: Men & Women

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1325 Glenarm Place,
DENVER, Colorado 80204
Tel: 303 534 121
Accommodation: Men Only

The Secretary,
College Club,
505 Madison,
SEATTLE, Washington, USA
Accommodation: Men Only

The Secretary,
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American National Bank Building,
Box 12076, AMARILLO,
Texas 79101
Tel: 373 4361
Accommodation: None

The Secretary,
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VANCOUVER, Canada V6C 1B7
Tel: 681 4121
Accommodation: Men Only

The Secretary,
Kona Kai Club,
1551 Shelter Island Drive,
SAN DIEGO, CAL. 92106
Tel: 222 1191
Accommodation: Men & Women

The Secretary,
Hong Kong Cricket Club,
137 Wong Nei Chong Gap Road,
HONG KONG
Tel: 5 747 023
Accommodation: None

The Manager,
Tanglin Club,
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Tel: 737 6011
Accommodation: Men & Women

The President,
Midland Club,
176-178 Oxford Terrace,
CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand
Tel: 66 214
Accommodation: None

Penfolds Wine Dinner

At the time of writing, one of the club's most successful recent functions looked like being the Club Dinner, due to be held on October 25.

The big attraction of the dinner was to be the serving of six special wines from Penfolds — a 1981 Edmund Mazure Champagne, a 1978 Kaiser Stuhl Green Ribbon Rhine Riesling, a Wynn's Coonawarra Chardonnay, a Penfolds 1982 St Henri Claret, a Kaiser Stuhl 1983 select vintage Auslese and a Penfolds Magill Port.

The magic of the wines ensured that well before the dinner, 130 bookings had been received and the maximum 150 was confidently predicted by club General Manager, Andrew Grecian.

In addition to the wines, diners were promised a brief talk on them by Penfolds'

Manager for Restaurant Services, Mr Gary Phipps.

Andrew Grecian comments: "It gives members a chance to sample what high quality wines the club can offer... I hope we will have many more Dining Nights like this in the future. Cost of the four-course dinner and wines with pre-dinner drinks, was \$40 a ticket.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have been welcomed to the club since the publication of the October newsletter.

Eric Gordon Clubb, Financial Director of Corne Enterprises Pty. Ltd. and Village Inns motel owner and operator.

Nigel Jeremy Corne, Director and General Manager of Corne Enterprises Pty. Ltd and involved in motel

management.

Terrence William Fraser, company director of Robotic Aussie Products Pty. Ltd.

Neil Matthew Hansford, Executive Director of Ansett Transport Industries Ltd.

Frederick William Merrett, company director of Merret Services Pty. Ltd. (photographic shops) and Merrett Nominees Pty. Ltd. (real estate).

Masino Peter Natoli, caterer of Mediterranean House Reception Lounge.

Andrew Lawrence Quoyle, merchant banker of Chemical Australia International Ltd.

James Patrick Timlin, company director of Better Marketing.

David John Lees, company director of Griffiths Bros Ltd., investment company.